



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
October 6, 2024 – Worldwide Communion Sunday
Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.



WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME MV 2 Come All You People (2x) (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

To wake in the morning is to accept God's gift of another day. To get out of bed is to accept God's invitation to live fully and well. To walk in Creation is to commit to its care. To pause for times of prayer is to deepen our communion with God and with our deepest and best selves.

Each new day affords opportunities to help others and to care for the world.

May our worship today encourage us and bring us gratitude for the life God has given us.

Come and let us worship God.

(Written By Bob Root <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning God spoke into the chaos and said: "Let there be light"

And there was light.

We light this candle to remind us that the light called forth by God continues to shine in God's Creation

As we watch it glow may we grow in wisdom and love.

As people of God, we centre ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

Praise to you, our God! We gather in awe and thanksgiving. Our lives are overflowing; our gardens reap plenty! The lakes shimmer, reflecting the beauty of sunshine and clouds. Wildlife dots the hillsides. The meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing for joy. We praise you for all creation. We know you as Creator and Life-giver. We shout alleluia! Thank you! Amen.

(Written By Laura Turnbull <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>, Adapted)

Gathering Hymn MV 42 Praise God for the Holy Ground (1L)

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *A Man Named Francis*

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Celebration of Communion

(adapted from the 2016 Stewardship resource *Called to be Church*)

Come, all you who are loved by God,
come to the table of the Lord,

come and empty your hearts in service,
so they may be filled again.

**Yes, generous God, our hearts truly are glad,
and we are filled with gratitude,
because in your great love you do not abandon us,
but in Jesus, child of salt and light, you proclaim your love.**

And making us bearers of your light,
you come to restore us and give new life.
And all who are frightened in the shadows,
all who feel used up and lost,
all who are sick and broken,
are blessed at this table, and made to shine,
bringing out the God-colours of this world.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us his love:

On the evening before he died,
he had supper with his friends.
During the meal, he took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it,
broke it, and then passed it around with these words:
This is my body, broken for you. Eat this and remember me.

And after the meal, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks for it, and then passed it around with these words:
This is my blood, shed for you. Drink this and remember me.

Here, at the Table of grace, the Holy Spirit proclaims life,
transforming these simple gifts and the people gathered in this place.

**As we taste the hope in this broken bread,
we go to be salt of the earth.
As we are filled with this cup,
we would be light to the world.**

And so every time we eat bread like this,
and every time we drink wine like this,
We remember Jesus and his everlasting love.

And now, as the Beloved children of a loving Parent, we say together the words Jesus taught his friends:
Our Father, who art in heaven...

THE MEAL IS SHARED
The Bread we break is the Bread of Life
The Cup we share is the Cup of Promise
These are gifts from God, to be shared with God's people
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE MEAL

God you call and challenge us to be salt and light in the world.

May the sharing of this meal, and the fellowship with these brothers and sisters, strengthen us in body and soul. May we who have broken bread together be strengthened in our resolve to remain salty. May we as a gathered community of faith be emboldened to let your light shine through us for all to see.

And when we leave this place of worship.

Help us continue to add taste to a bland world, to bring light to the darkness.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 55:1-3, 10-13

Psalm 148:7-14

SERMON *Celebrate and Praise the Creator!*

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

Why Are You Thankful this Week?

Hymn VU 303 For Beauty of Prairies (1L)

WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Becoming An Anti-Racist Church*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/our-journey-towards-becoming-anti-racist-church>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands (PD)

A FRANCISCAN PRAYER

**O most high, omnipotent, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory, honour, and all blessing.
For our brother the sun,
who is our day and who brings us the light,
who is fair, and radiant with a very great splendour;
For our sister the moon, and for the stars,
which you have set clear and lovely in heaven;
For our brother the wind,
and for air and clouds, calms and all weather;
For our sister water,
who serves us and is humble and precious and chaste;
For our brother fire, by whom you light up the night,
and who is fair and merry, and very mighty and strong;
For our mother the earth, who sustains us and keeps us,
and brings forth various fruits,
and flowers of many colours, and grass;
we praise, bless, and thank you God, Creator of us all. Amen.**

(Based on the Canticle of the Sun, *Celebrate God's Presence* p.627)

Hymn VU 312 Praise with Joy the World's Creator (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

Let us go into the world, praising the God of creation.

We shall go forth in praise.

Let us go into the world, witnessing the risen Christ.

We shall go forth in witness.

Let us go into the world, empowered by the Spirit.

We shall go forth in power.

Let us go into the world.

We shall go forth.

(Written By Sylvia Dunstan <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

SUNG BENEDICTION: Go Gently Go Lightly (1L)

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson

Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: stpaulsucgp@gmail.com

Sunday School: Lori Ellis, Susan K Thomson

Youth Ministry: Valerie Jenner Music Director: Alison White.

If you have a prayer request, please write it down in our prayer book on the table at the entrance into worship. Your needs will be added to our community prayer.

Thank you

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"

Regular Office Hours are Monday to Friday
9 am to 3 pm. but closed over the noon hour.



"Would you like a visit with Rev Gord? This can be easily arranged by contacting the office. Call Carla and she will arrange something for you " 780-532-2415

At St. Paul's the calendar is quite busy. **Please be sure to check with Carla** in the church office before you expect a room will be free for your use. **Rooms booked with Carla in the office will have first priority.** You can also check out our

online calendar on the church website, to get an idea who else is in the building and in what room(s) to know if it will conflict with your plans. <https://74071685.view-events.com/calendar/74071685/>

We are in need of Scripture Readers and Door Greeters every Sunday. Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help during the worship services.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sun., Oct 6 – 9 am – Jr Handbell Practice

Sun., Oct 6th - Fundscrip Orders Due Today!

Please make sure to submit your orders to **Margaret Taylor** by 5 pm today.

October Fundscrip Specials:

- **Chapters, Coles, Indigo, Simons**
Regular 5%, now 7%
- **Walmart**
Regular 3%, now 3.5%

Support our church while you shop! Thank you for participating.

Sun., Oct 6th - After church - Planned Giving Workshop - You are Invited to think about financial stewardship at a special presentation on "Planned Giving" with Vicki Nelson, Stewardship Support person for the Prairie Regions of the United Church of Canada on Sunday October 6th after worship. A sandwich lunch will be provided by our UCW in the large basement. Please come and enjoy a light lunch and learn about how you may give a lasting legacy gift to St. Paul's. The presentation is via Zoom and arranged for by your Stewardship and Finance Team. (Please note there will be no coffee in the Friendship Room that Sunday; A free will offering is invited.)

Sun., Oct 6 – 7:00 pm – Handbell Practice

Come join us as we ring in the new season!

Tue. Oct 8 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm - CGIT / Explorers

Tue., Oct 8 – 7:00 pm - Bible Study on Zoom

Thur., Oct 10 - 10:30 am - Music Morning - in the Kids Corner

Thur., Oct 10 – 6:30 pm – Embers – in the Friendship Room

Thu., Oct 10– 7:30 pm - Choir - All voices welcome, please join us as you are able.

Fri., Oct 11th - 9 am to 12 noon - 102nd Street Stitchers - Stop in and help with a project; bring your own project or just come for coffee.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed., Oct 16th – 7 pm – Council Meeting – in the Kids Corner

Fri., Oct 18th – 7 pm – Sound Bath – In the large basement

Sat., Oct 19th - afternoon - Heritage Tea - In the Friendship Room - more details to follow.

Sat., Oct 26th – 8 am - Property & Maintenance Meeting

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Moved?? New to the Church??

If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email (stpaulsucgp@gmail.com) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!.



Do you have a special family member you'd like to celebrate by creating an LED slide to commemorate the occasion. We can post the slide for a day or a week.

We can include a picture, or just have a generic slide with their name and their school logo and colours. Contact the office with the details of the occasion.... A birthday, a graduation, a special milestone and how long you'd like the slide to be up and the date(s) you want it to run. Do they have a favourite animal, colour, or "passion" that we can use to personalize the slide?

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Interac e-Transfer is a simple, convenient, and secure way to send and receive money directly from one bank account to another. All you need is access to online or mobile banking through a participating financial institution, and you can send money to St. Paul's United Church — without sharing any personal financial information. It's a great alternative to cheques and cash.

To give using Interac e-Transfer please use this email address to send your donation to St. Paul's United Church - stpaulsucgp@gmail.com

In the note field of your transaction request, please indicate your envelope number (if you have one) and what fund(s) you are wanting your donation to go to. You can split your donation between funds (Example: If your donations is \$100 your note could say - \$25 GF, \$50 MS, \$25 OU or any other combination of amounts and funds you would like to support).

Fund: (Code)

- General Fund (GF) Mission and Service (MS)
- Capital Fund (CA)
- Outreach (OU)

Any donations made without a fund code will be considered a "General Funds" donation.

Offering Envelopes - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your donation(s). If you don't have a set of offering envelopes, and would like some, please contact Carla in the church office. Also, please make sure you indicate your envelope # on your donation(s) so it can be accorded to the correct person

Sign up for PAR ((Pre-Authorized Remittance)...just talk to Carla and she'll send you the form to fill out, or adjust the amount you wish to remit each month, at any time.

Canada Helps – You can also donate through Canada Helps. (Please note - These donations will be receipted by Canada Helps directly, not St Paul's United Church)

<https://stpaulsuc.ca/index.php/donate/>

